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Argentina: Increasing Censorship

The Argentine government has started to ban the circulation of books it deems "subversive." According to a respected Buenos Aires newspaper, the Office of Communications recently prohibited the mailing of several works, including the classic Cuba, Our America, and the United States by Jose Marti. This move constitutes an "about face" for the Peronist leaders, who following their return to power in March 1973 lifted all censorship restrictions on books and magazines that had been in force under the preceding military governments of Ongania, Levingston, and Lanusse.

At the same time right-wing terrorists, whose activities are tacitly supported by Mrs. Peron, have forced the suspension of the prestigious Panorama magazine, a weekly publication similar in format to Time and Newsweek. The suspension occurred when the publishers, along with several other writers and artists, left Argentina two weeks ago after receiving assassination threats.

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